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## Clearing The Record On The Short Snorters

In our issue of August 3, we printed a brief note about some of the Allied Military currency issued in France and stated that such currency was referred to in Army Circles as "Short Snorter" notes. Our remarks were based on probable inaccurate information from correspondents, who according to the wife of an Army officer, do not know what a Short Snorter is. In fact, the mis-information published by us was so distressing to this lady that she hesitated about renewing her subscription.

However, she does give us her most recent address and some information on Short Snorters, which we consider so informative that we print below the paragraph from her letter and hope that this will definitely clear up the Short Snorter matter.

"Another reason for not renewing my subscription was my utter disgust at the inaccuracy of your definition of a 'Short Snorter' on page two of the August 3rd issue. If other information in your paper is as much out of line as your definition of a Short Snorter, it is of no value to me. Any currency of any country may be used as a Short Snorter, but in itself it is not a Short Snorter until it has been signed by a member of the Short Snorters - that heretofore exclusive organization of those who have flown over salt water. The only stipulation is that anyone who has foreign currency in his Short Snorter must have been in the country of issue. My husband has a very interesting Short Snorter almost a yard long."

"Please do not publish my name if you should correct this in your paper."

Very truly yours,  
Mrs. L. F. S.

## "Airmail Digest" Makes It's Bow!

Charles B. Charnatz, leading MINT Airmail dealer of Sylvania, Ohio announces that he has changed the masthead of his periodical house organ from "BALM" to "AIRMAIL DIGEST." In its new format the "Airmail Digest" is an illustrated 4 page bulletin, and the latest issue features several articles of interest to all collectors. Hundreds of prices on mint airmails indicating market trends are also featured in this issue. A copy may be obtained free, by addressing Chas. B. Charnatz, Sylvania 2, Ohio.

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Honduras C38	.15	Nicaragua C010/14	1.35	Venezuela C198	.20

CHAS. B. CHARNATZ

SYLVANIA (2) OHIO



This is just one of many different First Day Covers showing the New Zealand Health issue that have come to our office from friends in New Zealand. We acknowledge covers from H. M. Garrick, S. & M. Miller Bros., D. V. White, C. Hitchings and P. D. Chirgwin.

The covers at hand come from many different cities in New Zealand indicating that first day sale must be general throughout the country.

## Blood Plasma Stamp

Here in the United States where probably the greatest campaign is being waged for blood donors, we will probably bring up the tail end of the countries that are issuing splendid postage stamps to promote the campaign. At least we have a tentative promise from P. O. Department Officials that such a stamp will be issued.



To show what is being done in other countries we illustrate the two Blood Plasma Stamps recently issued by Chile. These are in several colors and are beautiful stamps. They were listed in our New Issue column last week, but the cuts for the illustrations arrived too late to include in the column and we picture them here.

## Texas Collector Uses His Magnifying Glass

Dr. Charles W. Martin of Canyon, Texas writes that when he was able to buy some of the new Korean stamps and got his late copy of Linn's that for the first time in five years he dug out his magnifying glass and went to work.

"My what a field for variety hounds" says Dr. Martin with reference to the Korea stamps. "Out of four blocks of four and seven singles, I didn't find three identical stamps."

Dr. Martin states that he found just one however that interested him and we pass that on for you to look for. It is a broken ball on the tip of the flag staff. Comparing with our sheets, we do not find the broken ball, but already several other collectors have reported the defective "E" on the 26th stamp on the sheet.

Speaking of the Philippine stamp, Dr. Martin who comes from a country where a lot of cattle roam the prairies may be excused for his trite remark. He says, "Re. Corregidor (purple cow chip) stamp. I thoroughly agree with all you say and wish I could forget the ghastly thing, likewise Motion Pictures."

## Christmas Letters For Canadian Soldiers

Mr. William Byles, of London, Ont., Canada sends a copy of one of the special Christmas Issue Air Mail Letter Sheets that are issued to Canadian Soldiers abroad.

The form is on blue paper and when folded is approximately 5 1/4 x 3 1/2 inches in size, printed in red and blue and bears the inscription "Armed Forces Air Letter." These letters go postage free by air mail and Mr. Byles stated that he understands that five copies were given each service man. The letter at hand was posted in France.

Another inscription of interest is the following. "This letter must be posted in Armed Forces Postal channels. If posted in a Civil Post Office or pillar box, it will not be given air transmission."

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## American Soldiers Get Gyped By Exchange Rates Over In France

Some interesting information comes from Pvt. Walter Lusa, who is getting around quite a bit over in Europe. He sends a set of the new AMG stamps for use in France, those that we printed in the United States in values from 5c to 5 Franc. Nine stamps in all. He states this is the complete set altho we have seen mention of a 10 Franc value but can not confirm it.

Pvt. Lusa states that he heard that but 200,000 sets had been printed. We seriously question this figure as that would be a very small number. Least wise he states that these were put on sale in Corsica and that he purchased them on the first days of sale on that Island, but he does not state the date. He says further that he was permitted to buy but ten sets.

Our correspondent also sends another value of the stamp with the large rooster pictured on it as illustrated some few weeks ago. This is a 70c green.

Speaking of buying stamps, our correspondent states that the Americans with their pay in the AMG Currency suffer a loss of practically 50% in exchange. The AMG notes are given the boys on a basis of one Franc equals 2c American Money. The joker is that the French people value their Franc at only one cent American Money so that in spending this AMG money the boys are obliged to pay double for everything they buy from shopkeepers. The AMG money however is accepted by the French Postoffices at 2c per Franc, but stamp dealers who offer stamps which the boys wish to buy accept it only at 1c per Franc.

## The More We Search, The More Confusing Is The Korean Flag

Dozens of readers from all over the country have been hunting down the Korean Flag and we have come to the conclusion that the longer we look, the less we understand about this flag for few reports from all sources agree.

We have copies of all kinds of information from Atlases of many publishers, from "Lloyd's Book of House of Flags and Funnels" and from many other books and publication offered at authoritatives, but few of them agree with each other.

Perhaps the best we can do will await the time when Korea will be free again when doubtless there will be a flag and if love of flag and love of country springs eternal in the breast of the Koreans as it is supposed to do in the breasts of all native sons of whatever country, we will doubtless see the old flag of Korea as the standard for the country and then we may be able to find out just what is what.

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Some of them were Christmas cards, destined for sailors' families in the States. Some of them had been mailed on Saturday and bear a clear bold postmark, "USS Oklahoma, December 6, P. M., 1941." Some were advertisements and institutional letters, some were personal letters with writing now so faded that they look like ancient documents.

On those where the envelope is still at least partially intact there are pink and purple stamps with most of the dye washed away. But standing out distinctly over the stamps is the indelible cancellation mark, "Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps." A number of these letters were held together only by the thick caked oil in which they were preserved. Identification of the letters has been made through combination of meticulous study of the readable portions of the mail plus imagination to fill in where the writing had been worn away. When the letters were separated from the debris when the Oklahoma was being cleaned out they were turned over to the postal authorities since the Post Office Department was handling Navy mail when the war started. Since that time however, the Navy Postal Service has been established and expanded to the point where a complete directory service for all past and present Naval personnel is available. The Post Office therefore forwarded the 17 letters to the Navy in Washington. Officers from the Postal Affairs Section, Division of Naval Communications took the letters, each placed in a separated protective envelope, to the records office in the Bupers. After a careful search 13 of the 17 letters were successfully identified and routed to the new duty stations of the man who were intended to receive them or who had written them to friends. The other four letters have not been sufficiently identified largely because water and oil had removed part of the name and searchers have not been able to guess the missing letters correctly.

The identification job was easiest for those letters on which the addresses had been typed or clearly written with a dark indelible ink. The Navy does not know how much mail was totally lost when the ship capsized; every piece that could have been salvaged however, has been given directory service and restored to its sender or addressee.

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By Everett Klaas

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The Boom (Tex.) of Cannon (Del.) began to Pound (Wis.) over the White Earth (N. D.). As each Torpedo (Pa.) caused a Ship Bottom (N. J.) to go down into the Blackwater (Mo.) of the Atlantic (Iowa) it was a Challenge (Ala.) to our Liberty (Miss.).

He had never thought of himself as a Warrior (Ala.) for he was not very Brave (Pa.) but he did not want his country to take a Licking (Mo.) and become a Lost Nation (Iowa). When he saw the Flag (Ark.) of the United (Pa.) States (Pa.) waving from its Flagstaff (Ariz.) it was his Inspiration (Ariz.) and he felt Loyal (Wis.). He left his Home (Colo.) and traveled with all Speed (N. C.) by Railroad (Pa.) to join the Service (Ala.) and fight for Old Glory (Tex.).

He would liked to have been a Blue Jacket (Okla.) or a Marine (Ill.) but he would not feel Safe (Mo.) spending so much time on the Waves (N. C.). He did not want to Dodge (Neb.) his Duty (Va.) so he decided to be a Sol-

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dier (Iowa). He was passed by Dr. Phillips (Fla.) and when the Sergeant (Pa.) gave him his Uniform (Ala.) he was filled with Pride (La.). He was Strong (Kan.) and Hardy (Ark.).

There were a few to Worry (N. C.) about him. There was his Grannie (Ky.) and his Dad (Wyo.) and his Twin Sisters (Tex.). Elsie (Mich.) and Edith (Tex.). Also there were his Three Brothers (Ark.) Pa (W. V.), Jack (Ala.) and Joe (N. C.).

He had not made much of a Success (Mo.) of Romance (W. Va.). He had often been out in his Plymouth (N. H.) Sedan (N. M.) with Alice (Tex.), Pearl (Ohio), Henrietta (Mo.), Maggie (N. C.) and Minnie (Ky.). But he was not in Love (Ga.) with any Maiden (N. C.).

He made good Progress (Miss.) and was soon ready for Battle (La.). A Boat (Ky.), part of a Convoy (Ohio), took him to the Solomons (Md.) where he landed at Sundown (Tex.). He waded through the Spray (N. C.) to the Sand (Tex.) where he made Camp (Ark.) and Sank (Mo.) down to Rest (Kan.). After Sunset (Ark.) it became Cloudy (Okla.). The Rans (Utah) came, the air grew too Cool (Cal.) for Comfort (Tex.). He became Chilly (Ida.) and started to Shiver (Miss.). But he was Happy (Tex.) because it would soon be Light (Ark.).

Dawn (Mo.) came with the Rising Sun (Md.) and he left the Rock (Mich.) which he had used for a Pillow (Pa.). He was told to Advance (N. C.) through the Trees (La.) and Chase (Kan.) the men of Japan (N. C.) but to Watch (Ky.) and not get Cut Off (La.) or he would have no chance to Retreat (Pa.) or get Aid (Mo.).

He entered the Forest (Va.) with his Rifle (Colo.). He was Alert (Ind.). He saw one Rattlesnake (Fla.) Soldier (Kan.) which (Okla.) and Clever (Pa.) and soon Relief (Ky.) he was very Slick made him Jump (Ky.) but to his put the Quietus (Mont.) on him.

He went Onward (Ind.) and reached some Short Hills (N. J.). The Morning Sun (Iowa) made a Lovely (Ky.) and Pleasant View (Ky.). He could Lookout (Cal.) over the Harbor (Ore.), across the Pacific (Cal.) toward his Home-land (Fla.) and think of when Peace (Ark.) and Justice (W. Va.) would once again reign over the Free Soil (Mich.) and Green Acres (Wash.) of his Fancy Farm (Ky.).

He had Hope (Ind.) that with Luck (Wis.) our Republic (Ore.) Would Win (Ky.). With Victory (Ver.) perched on our Banner (Va.) he could with Honor (Mich.) return to his Sweet Home (Ore.).

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## VOX POP

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Mr. Geo. W. Linn.

Dear Sir:—  
May I add my nickles worth to your current dispute over the Korean Flag?

Far be it from me to dispute the word of either the National Geographic Society or the U. S. Navy Bureau of Equipment, but my conception of the "whirligig" design is a little different.

Some 35 or so years ago when I had aspirations of being a second Galileo or Sir Isaac Newton I recall that we were given a problem to solve which had as its base the daid whirligig. The problem, which stated that the design was the flag of Korea, was to bisect the complete circle so that each semicircle would contain an equal area of both colors, and the design given was as I have tried to picture it below, essentially the same as that now used by the Technocrats. Has anyone else advanced this theory? I wonder if the Technocrats have any explanation of their smybol that remotely concerns the Korean Flag?

Yours very truly,  
C. W. Grafton  
We omit the drawing which is very similar to the stamp design and believe that this illustration is used by one of the large Transcontinental Railways. Leastwise we have seen it on some stationery or advertising matter.

### A Censored Cover From Interstate Mail

Mr. Edward F. Jordan of Elmhurst, N. Y. sends a photostat of a letter mailed in Chicago, and addressed to a lady at the Triboro Hospital, Jamaica, L. Isl., N. Y. The cover is by airmail, has two 3c Win The War stamps and two of the 1c Presidential issue to make the 8c air mail rate.

The peculiar thing about this cover and one that is unexplainable is that the cover is censored in the usual manner by having the left end slip open and resealed with transparent tape which bears the number "53036."

Some time ago there was quite a flurry in Congress over censoring of letters within this country. Just why this letter is censored

There with Opportunity (Wash.) he could enter Trade (Tenn.) or Industry (Ill.) as a Veteran (Wyo.). Then all would be Bliss (Colo.). What a Blessing (Tex.) if this would come True (W. Va.). And if each Noble (Ohio) Patriot (Ind.) will Purchase (N. Y.) Bonds (Colo.) and Stamps (Ark.) we will be the Winner (S. D.) and our Freedom (Maine) will be assured.

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may never be known unless specific inquiries are made and even then the responsible parties would not admit anything. There are of course reasons why it may have been censored, but making a rough guess that might solve the problem, might we suggest that it may have been mistaken as a letter addressed to the Island of JAMAICA and may have been ripped open and examined before the error was noted. The only thing that would dispute that suggestion is the censor tape for if this had happened any bright censor would have merely marked it opened by mistake and forwarded the letter.

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By Lawrence W. Case  
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- (a) Same with picture (G) and wording (R & G).
- "Slap the Jap with a War Stamp." Corner card. (B).
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- (a) As #19 on same type envelope as #16-a.
- Transport ship (B). "Transport" (R).
- (a) As #20 on same type envelope as #16-a.
- Small policeman, hand extended. "Stop! Don't get hurt..." Corner card. (B1) Printed by R-S.

best to the last. The last dealer to be met in Washington was H. A. Robinette. Actually had dropped in to see him before, but he'd been out of town. This time Mr. Robinette was very much on hand and it was a pleasure to meet one Washington dealer who did not claim to be selling stamps to every political celebrity in the town. Actually I believe he is THE one who sells them, but refrains from talking. Robinette specializes in his Mid-Atlantic auctions which take place in either Baltimore or Washington and his offices are jammed with philatelists checking through the coming auction material. These auctions, by the way, are very complete and it behooves the readers of Linn's to send for catalogues when ever his ads, which appear regularly, announce a coming auction. Hope to sit down with Mr. Robinette between auctions some time and when I do, what he has to say will appear in my regular column, for I understand he has some wonderful stories stored up which can be had for the asking.

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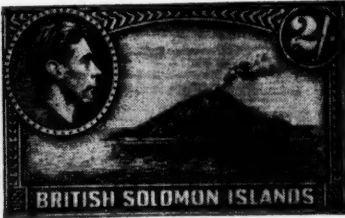
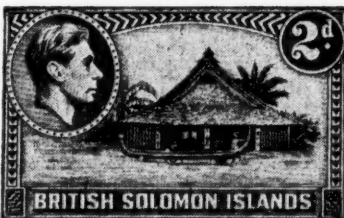
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# The British Solomon Islands

By The REV. A. H. VOYCE

Reprinted from The Australian Stamp Monthly.



THOUGH much has appeared in the A. S. M. of late on the subject of Solomon Island stamps, I have not seen anywhere a description of the subjects which form the designs for the George VI pictorial issue. The series comprising the issue is universally admitted to be a very fine production, and the subjects used leave little room for criticism. Undoubtedly the stamps produced from early photographs by the Rev. J. F. Goldie, the veteran missionary, whose continuous residence at Munda for 41 years is an epic, are the finest of the designs of the issue.

Some of us keenly interested in philately, and in the Solomons, could have wished the series had included close up views of the prow and stern of the canoe that has been so typical of Solomon Island issues, but it is understood that the costs of engraving and printing prevented some of the best subjects being produced. The design of the first two Solomon Islands was the production of the first Resident Commissioner, Mr. C. M. Woodford, C. M. G., and is representative of a canoe on Tulagi Harbour, with the island of Tulagi outlined in the background, but the canoe pictured thereon is certainly not a Florida canoe, but is a New Georgian "Tomoko." The prow and stern of this canoe are beautifully inlaid with nautilus shell in attractive and elaborate designs.

A few notes on the designs used in the Pictorial Series may be of interest in whole or in part. 1/2d Stamp.—This design depicts the various types of spears used by Solomon Island natives, in fighting, hunting and fishing. The four-pronged spear is used in fishing, and the single pointed one in hunting as well as in fighting, but those showing barbs are real fighting types, some of which were tipped with human bone. Some of those illustrated have no doubt come from the island of Bougainville, which is part of the territory of New Guinea, the home of the finest spears of the Solomon Group.

Then super-imposed on the spears is shield such as was used in the New Georgia, Choiseul and Vella Lavella areas. The production does not do justice to this wonderfully made decorative implement, which really is a work of art. One such hangs on my wall before me as I write, its length being about 3 feet and its greatest width 10 inches. It is made of the plaited epidermis of a climbing fern, overwrapped on reeds, and near the top end there is a slight slit through which the warrior can glance. The whole shield is elaborately designed in black with patterns representative of the sacred frigate bird. The natives of the western Solomons were the fiercest and most feared fighters of the group.

1d. Stamp.—On the left section of this stamp is depicted a typical representative of the armed native constabulary of the Solomon Islands government. This as a fine body of men, upright, strapping fellows, well trained, dressed in a plain khaki lavalava, fastened around the waist with a cummerbund, the colour of which varies according to their rank, and surmounted by a polished leather belt, their fine physique earning them the name, "bronze statues."

Two members of the Solomon Island native constabulary have received decorations in this war. They are retired Sergeant-Major Vusa, who received the George Medal, and Corporal Lauigani-baea, who received the British Empire Medal. It was Vusa who, engaged on dangerous intelligence work, was captured by the Japanese, tied to a tree, threatened in order to extract information of vital importance, and when he refused to speak was bayoneted in the chest, arm and face, but still refused to speak, and was then bayoneted in the face and stomach and left for dead. Reviving, he crawled back to American lines and insisted on giving important information before being taken to the hospital for medical attention.

The other figure is that of a native chief in all his finery, armlets, leglets, necklace, belt and head ornament, holding his club and wearing his primitive loin covering.

1 1/2d. Stamp.—This stamp shows a view of Auki Island, the government station off the northwestern coast of the island of Malaita and is the station of the District Officer for this part of the group. Malaita is the most thickly populated part of the group, having approximately 43,000 people, and it is the chief centre from which indentured labour is recruited. The last occasion when white people were massacred by Solomon Island natives was when the District Officer, Mr. W. R. Bell, and a cadet (Mr. Lillies) and 13 Malaita members of the native constabulary were done to death at Sinarango, in October, 1927. Malaita type native canoes are seen in front of Auki Island on this stamp.

2d. Stamp.—This is the first of the series produced from photographs supplied by the Rev. J. F. Goldie, of the Methodist Mission, Munda, New Georgia. All the plates supplied by him were taken over 30 years ago on a half-plate camera. This shows a typical native dwelling house of the New Georgia area, called Paili, namely, a house on the beach. The photograph was taken on the shores of the Roviana Lagoon, just to the east of Munda Point. The New Georgian natives are the finest house builders of the group. Note the fine decorative work in the house. At the rear are to be seen a coconut palm at right and a banana palm at left, whilst in the foreground is a typical "tomoko" nearing completion.

2 1/2d. Stamp.—The New Georgian natives were recognised as the finest canoe builders of the group, natives were recognised as the and on this stamp is featured the war canoe of New Georgia group and Choseul Island, called the "tomoko." Large canoes of this type were frequently nearly 50 feet long, and the prow and stern were beautifully inlaid with nautilus shell. In the Australian Museum in Sydney is a fine example of this tomoko, full sized, showing the elaborate decorative work, presented by Mr. H. Wickham, of Hombakepa, half a mile off the Munda coast of New Georgia, in the Roviana Lagoon, and is well worthy of inspection by Solomon Island collectors.

One writer says that not even the gondolas of Venice are more exquisitely graceful than these craft.

This stamp also is from a plate supplied by the Rev. Goldie, and the view was taken from near Hombakepa Island, looking towards Munda Point, where the familiar contour of the hills at the

back of Munda can be seen behind the coconut palms fringing the shore, whilst in the foreground is a fine large Tomoko, with 18 paddlers. Frequently large tomokos required over 30 paddlers. It will be noted that the prow of the canoe is lower than the stern. In neither of the first two issues of Solomon stamps was the tomoko correctly drawn, though in the first issue there is a slight suggestion of a lower prow. The second issue incorrectly shows the prow and stern of the same height.

In the bad old head hunting days, a canoe of this type could not be launched until a suitable number of human heads had been secured for the ceremony. At the prow of the canoe, just above the waterline there should be illustrated one of the grotesque heads, with glaring eyes, large ears, long nose and a prominent mouth, all inlaid with nautilus shell in intricate patterns, known as the Nguzunguzu, or "mouth." This figure head is to keep watch for hidden dangers, evil spirits, or reefs, and then to warn those in the canoe, but even in this fine representation of the Tomoko, that figure is missing! At the top of the high stern, there is a double-sided head carved from a flat piece of wood, with one face towards the port and the other towards the starboard side. It is a kind of guardian spirit watching over the safety of those in the canoe, in natives eyes an exalted type of "Mr. Facing Both Ways."

3d. Stamp.—This stamp depicts one of the Solomon Island localities most in the news in these days, namely, Munda Point, on the southwest corner of New Georgia. This point is the headquarters of the Methodist Missionary Society of New Zealand, and it was on this point that the Rev. Goldie landed on May 23rd, 1902, to begin the work. The picture from which the stamp is produced was taken from the end of the Mission wharf. Today Munda Point is the main Japanese airfield for the central Solomons, pounded almost daily by Allied air forces. The stamp shows a view looking south over Munda Point, to the island of Rendova in the background. Bateti Point of Rendova Island is shown, and the ridge behind which rises to 2,800 feet. The small island to the right is Kundukundu Hite, where there is a small boat anchorage, to the left of which small boats may cross the reef from the Roviana Lagoon, and traversing Blanche Channel, enter Rendova Harbour. The small island near the point of Munda is Nusa Hopei—Two typical New Georgian tomokos are also featured.

4 1/2d. Stamp.—This stamp also is from a plate of the Rev. Goldie. It is the house of a chiefly person, and is called a Pulu, which signifies a type of house built away from the beach. For the opening ceremony of such a house in olden days human heads were required. The New Georgian natives were the most celebrated headhunters of the Solomons, and the islands of Choiseul, Ysabel and the Russel Group were devastated by their raiding parties, necessitating punitive action by the authorities in order to discourage the ardour of these doughty warriors.

6d. Stamp.—This stamp depicts a typical coconut plantation, where generally speaking the palm trees are planted in diagonal rows, the palms being about 30 feet apart. The objects at the sides are symbolical representations of young growing coconuts ready for planting out. In the Pacific Islands coconuts are left to fall fully ripened and dried from the tree. Then in a few months, if they are not gathered and treated for copra, they begin to sprout, and as the growth of the nut continues so does its usefulness for copra decrease, for as the nut sprouts the coconut inside decreases being used up by the grow-

ing plant, until the whole disappears in the root system. Copra is the chief product of the Solomons, and that fact, no doubt, accounts for the subject of this stamp.

1/- Stamp.—This stamp pictures the breadfruit which must have been named either by a land agent with an idea to sell or by a person with a depraved taste, for it is neither like bread nor like an edible fruit. To most people eating breadfruit is like trying to masticate cotton-wool. Some people speak with rapture of the delicious breadfruit, but if that type grows in the Solomon Islands, I have yet to taste it.

2/- Stamp.—This stamp signifies the inclusion within the British Solomon Islands Protectorate of the Santa Cruz Group, where the fourth post office of the group is located, namely, Vanikoro. When Mendana set out to colonise the Solomons, in 1595, 28 years after his initial discovery of the group, he failed to locate them, but landed instead on the island of Santa Cruz, and there, at the head of Graciosa Bay, began to build his city. To the north of Graciosa Bay is an active volcanic peak rising majestically 2,000 feet from the ocean, called Hinakula. This is the peak shown on this stamp. The second largest island of this group in Vanikoro, where La Perouse's expedition was lost in 1788, his ships being wrecked on the reefs near Pau Village.

2/6 Stamp.—This stamp pictures the Megapode, a bird which buries its eggs in the warm sand, leaving them there to be hatched by the warmth of the sand. The bird is only the size of a small hen, but it lays eggs as big as turkey's eggs, when the chickens are hatched they force their way to the surface, and in the process their feathers are dried and then

they are able to fend for themselves and fly away. On the island of Simbo, in the New Georgia group, the natives build shelters just outside the village fence, where the megapodes may lay their eggs in comfort, from where the natives may gather them with the least possible trouble. They told me that they don't leave those nesting places more than 15 to 20 days, otherwise some of the chickens might be hatching out, and so be lost. It matters little to the native how big the chickens are inside the eggs. As a matter of fact, the bigger the chickens the better they seem to like them. They prefer their eggs meaty!

5/- Stamp.—Here is depicted a San Cristoval canoe, much smaller and not so beautifully designed as the Tomoko. Note the frigate bird in a conventionalised design. This bird is in some islands sacred, and is said to bear away to their final resting place the spirits of the dead.

10/- Stamp.—Same as 4 1/2d.

Some of us think that in a future issue the Solomon Islands authorities should be persuaded to include in the series designs showing early explorers like Alvaro de Mendana de Neyra, the Chevalier Louis Antoine de Bougainville, Pedro de Ortega and Hernan Gallego, also the ships of these men, and others. Again, modern events should also be perpetuated for posterity in such designs as could include the "Canberra," "Chicago" and other ships.

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Postal Notes of fixed denominations, not exceeding \$10, have been authorized by law since 1911. An amendment to the law was approved June 28, 1944, which removed the limitation of "fixed denominations" and fixed two calendar months from the date of issue as the period of validity.

## Stay Until The Picture Is Over

Your publisher has been severely trounced in several letters from irate readers who want to know if we have nothing else to do than to find fault with our stamps. We want to state that everything we print is not the product of our feeble mind and now we are calling attention to a letter from a reader who asks about the Motion Picture Stamp.

Look at one of these stamps and read what is printed in words on this stamp. You will find the words, "50th Anniversary of Motion Pictures". Yes, that is all right today, but how about in 1950 when you look at that stamp. Will 1950 also be the 50th Anniversary of Motion Pictures or when was the 50th anniversary, or when were Motion Pictures first shown. Probably no one but the stamp collector who will set the stamp under a 1944 date in his album in the Scott Catalogue will be able to answer that question in a few years.

Yes, you guessed it, the stamp should have dates on it, dates just as were on the Telegraph, the Steamship and the Railroad stamp.

Our correspondent however makes another suggestion, he says, "Sit still and see the picture through, maybe the date is on the end of the film and will come up at the finish."

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My inquiries to the State failed to produce a full explanation of when this tax was imposed, when it was withdrawn, etc. Can any of you readers furnish more information on this tax and the stamps used?

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## An Answer To Ripley's Claim That Bessemer Invented Postage Stamps

By James Waldo Fawcett,  
In The Washington Star.

Who invented the adhesive postage stamp?

Robert L. Ripley, in his drawing, "Believe It or Not," published in the Washington Times-Herald and many other newspapers on Tuesday, November 21, claimed the honor for Sir Henry Bessemer. A telegram to the cartoonist in New York on the same date read: "Philatelists commonly credit Sir Rowland Hill with the invention of the postage stamp. Are they mistaken?"

In reply, November 24, Mr. Ripley wrote: "I know there is a popular belief that Sir Rowland Hill invented the postage stamp. But the belief is fallacious. Sir Rowland himself admitted that it was not he, but Sir Henry Bessemer, to whom the credit is due. Sir Henry, for whom the famous process of Bessemer steel is named, invented a bit of paper bearing a stamp, glutinous wash covering its back, which by the application of a little moisture might be attached to the back of a letter—in a word the modern postage stamp."

Meanwhile, the Library of Congress had been asked to check, and Miss Janice Harrington of the Division of General Reference and Bibliography had been assigned to the inquiry. As a result of her researches, Robert C. Gooch, chief of the division, now reports: "In compliance with your request, we have consulted the volume entitled 'Sir Henry Bessemer, F. R. S.: An Autobiography' (London, Offices of 'Engineering,' 1905) and have found that in 1833, at the age of 20, young Bessemer invented a method of taking copies from antique and modern bas-reliefs that enabled him to stamp them on cardboard, thus producing thousands of embossed copies of the finest works of art at a small cost. The facility with which he could make a permanent die, even from a thin paper original, made him realize that there was not a government stamp or a paper seal of any corporate body that could not be forged in a few minutes by an unscrupulous person; and he began to consider whether a new sort of stamp could be devised which could not be forged."

"After explaining his experiments, with numerous proofs of the ease with which stamps could be forged, to Sir Charles Presley, Chief of the Stamp Office, Presley was convinced that the government was being defrauded of thousands of pounds of revenue each year and urged Bessemer to work out the principle of his invention more fully. The result was a stamp of circular design, about 2 1/2 inches in diameter, and consisted of the garter, with the motto in capital letters surrounded by a crown. Within the garter was a shield with the words 'Five Pounds,' and the space between the shield the garter was filled with perforations in imitation of lace."

"The Stamp Office authorities were greatly pleased with the new design and decided to adopt it, and offered Bessemer the position of superintendent of stamps in lieu of a monetary award from the Treasury. Bessemer hurried to tell his fiancée of the position which seemed to assure his future and enable him to marry. When he showed her his new parchment stamp and explained how it could not be removed from the parchment and used again, she answered: 'Yes, I understand this; but surely, if all the stamps had a date put on them, they could not at a future time be used again without detection.' When he realized the truth of this statement and considered that movable dates were possible by drilling holes in

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"Thus it happened that Bessemer never received any compensation of any kind and he declares that the secret of his first invention has been 'carefully guarded to this day.'"

From all of which the average collector may conclude that perhaps Mr. Ripley is correct in asserting that Sir Henry Bessemer invented the adhesive postage stamp and that it is likewise a fair inference from the data quoted that he had something to do with inventing the standard canceling technique and machinery still used. But Sir Henry did not publicize his invention and there is no present evidence to show that Sir Rowland ever heard of it. Therefore it is conceivable that Sir Rowland independently invented the adhesive postage stamp which, in the form of the famous Penny Black of May 6, 1840, actually started "the world's most popular hobby."

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19*	#68a, 69 10c and 12c 1861 issue, good.	7.00
20*	#70, 70a, 78 24c Washington, good.	26.00
21*	#71 30c orange, light cancel, fine.	9.00
22*	#72 90c blue, scarce, fine copy.	17.50
23*	#73 10c copies Black Jack, nice.	15.00
24*	#76 5c brown, good.	10.00
25*	#78 24c lilac, good clear copy.	10.00
26*	#86, 87, 88 1c, 2c, 3c E. grills, good.	20.30
27*	#89 10c E. grill, tiny pin hole, 1 perf gone	50.00
28*	#93 2c Black Jack, E. grill, 6 good copies.	18.00
29*	#95 5c brown, pen cancel, very fine.	25.00
30*	#112-116 1c to 10c 1869 pictorials, good.	27.75
31*	#112-117, 119 1c to 15c 1869 pictorials, good	41.25
32*	#116 10c 1869 pictorial, good mint copy.	25.00
33*	#119 15c pictorial type 2, fine.	7.50
34*	#122 the scarce 90c pictorial, tiny closed tear but otherwise fine copy.	65.00
35*	#134-137 1c to 6c 1870 good to fine.	19.80
36*	#145-7, 209 1c-3c and 10c brown, good.	13.00
37*	#145-155 1870 Banknote set 1c-90c cpl., fine	41.20
38*	#152 15c orange, good copy, perfs touch.	30.00
39*	#153 24c purple, very good unused copy.	50.00
40*	#155 90c carmine, fine.	10.00
41*	#155 90c carmine, just good.	10.00
42*	#158-163, 165 Cont'l. Bk. 3c-15c, 30c, good	15.48
43*	#165 30c grey black, good mint copy.	25.00
44*	#212-218 1c to 90c good o. g. set, 218 off ctr.	43.00
45*	#213-218 1c to 90c cpl. (217 scraped), good	19.19
46*	#219-228 1c to 30c average set.	5.22
47*	#219-229 1c to 90c cpl. set, very fine mint	39.15
48*	#229 90c orange, o. g., fine.	10.00
49*	#230-238 1c-15c Columbian, fine set.	18.25
50*	#230-239 1c-30c Columbian, good set.	12.60
51*	#232 3c Columbian, block off center.	6.00
52*	#237 10c Columbian, good block.	17.50
53*	#238 15c Columbian, o. g., 3 good copies.	18.00
54*	#239-40 30c Columbian, tiny thin sp., 50c F.	18.00
55*	#241 \$1 Col., o. g., bit of paper on back, VF.	35.00
56*	#242 2c Columbian, o. g., fine.	35.00
57*	#243 3c Columbian, o. g., superb.	60.00
58*	#244 4c Col., tiny thin spot, very fine.	65.00
59*	#245 5c Columbian, fine copy.	75.00
60*	#252-5, 259 2c, 5c, 15c 1894, o. g., fine.	19.75
61*	#258 10c dark green, o. g., fine.	5.00
62*	#260 50c orange, 2 good copies.	8.00
63*	#264, 268 1c, 3c 1895 issue, plate pairs.	1.80
64*	#279-82 1c-6c o. g., fine.	7.00
65*	#285 1c Trans-Mississippi, corner blk., good	4.00
66*	#285-290 1c-10c Trans-Mississippi, fine.	17.35
67*	#285-290 1c-10c Trans-Mississippi, good set	7.05
68*	#291 50c Trans-Miss., o. g., 1 perf off, fine	27.50
69*	#291 50c Trans-Mississippi, fine.	9.00
70*	#292 \$1 Trans-Miss., a perfect o. g. copy.	50.00
71*	#292 \$1 Trans-Miss., a very fine o. g. copy	50.00
72*	#292 \$1 Trans-Miss., good copy, off center.	30.00
73*	#293 2c Trans-Miss., o. g., sm. gum crease, F.	65.00

## UNITED STATES 1900-1944

Regular, issues, 1902 imperfs, commems., etc.

74*	#294-9 1c-10c Pan American, cpl. set, fine	14.35
75*	#296-8 4c, 5c, 8c Pan-Am. in fine pairs.	18.00
76*	#295 2c Pan-Am. 8 singles, 1 pl. blk., good	5.85
77*	#297 5c Pan-Am. 4 good mint copies	10.00
78*	#299 10c Pan-Am. 4 good mint copies	25.00
79*	#300-309 1c to 15c 1902 set very fine.	18.35
80*	#300-311 1c to \$1 1902 set fine.	7.32
81*	#300-311 1c to \$1 1902. Two good sets.	15.44
82*	#312 3c blue 1902, a superb copy.	15.00
83*	#313 \$5 Marshall 1902, very fine rare stamp	40.00
84*	#314 1c imperf. 2 superb copies, big margins	3.50
85*	#315 5c Lincoln imperf. Superb single mint copy, 3 boardwalk margins and bottom sheet margin.	40.00
86*	#315 5c Lincoln imperf. superb mint single with 4 big margins.	40.00
87*	#320, a, b 2c imperf. 3 shades, wide mar. VF	10.25
88*	#320 2c imperf. superb block of 4.	9.00
89*	#323-7 Louisiana set complete, fine.	17.35
90*	#323-7 same set, good.	8.65
91*	#328-30 Jamestown set complete, fine.	6.35
92*	#331-40 1c to 15c, fine set.	16.15
93*	#341 50c violet very fine copy.	12.50
94*	#342 \$1 violet brown, fine copy.	17.50
95*	#342 \$1 violet brown, good copy.	5.50
96*	#343-7 1c to 5c imperf set cpl., superb.	8.95
97*	#345 3c imperf ctr. line blk., superb, no gum	40.00
98*	#357-8 1c, 2c blue papers, fine.	10.00
99*	#367-8, 370-73 big margins 1909 com., fine	9.75
100*	#369 2c Lincoln blue paper, fine.	12.50
101*	#367 2c Lincoln 3 fine blocks.	7.50
102*	#397-400 Pan Pacific, perf 12, set, good.	12.95
103*	#400a 10c Pan Pacific, orange, very fine.	10.00
103a*	#404 10c Pan Pacific perf 10 fine O.G.	50.00
104*	#401-404 Pan Pacific, perf 10 set, cpl., F.	6.25

Lot #	Catalog # and Description	Cat. Value
105*	#405-9 fine singles.	5.48
106*	#414-20 Franklins, good to fine.	23.25
107*	#414-20 same set but finer.	23.25
108*	#421 50c Franklin, superb copy.	22.50
109*	#423 \$1 Franklin, fine copy.	22.50
110*	#462-75 perf 10, set, fine.	8.84
111*	#479, 547 \$2 stamps, good, 1 with pinhole	9.00
112*	#443-6 perf 10 coils, fine.	12.58
113*	#519 2c 1917 perf 11, good, gum crack.	20.00
114*	#519 same very fine block.	80.00
115*	#523 2 orange and black, fine.	15.00
116*	#524 \$5 green and black Franklin strip of 3 on piece.	6.75
117*	#531-5 1c-3c offset imperfs, big margins, VF	4.25
117a*	#532b 2c offset imperfs, type VI fine block.	9.00
118*	#548-50 Pilgrims 3 cpl. sets, good to fine.	9.75
118a*	#537 3c Victory red violet on cover, good	25.00
119*	#551-71 1922 regular issue 1/2c to \$1 fine.	15.24
120*	#571-3 \$1, 2, 5, three fine sets.	3.60
121*	#575-7, 612, imperfs in fine pairs.	3.80
122*	#576, 631 1/2 flat rotary imperf blocks.	2.75
123*	#614-21 Walloon, Lex., Norse sets cpl., fine	7.10
124*	#614-16 Walloons, 3 cpl. sets, one 5c used, G.	8.35
125*	#617-8, 1c, 2c Lex. 2 blocks each, 1 plate #, F	6.70
126*	#617-9 Lexingtons, 5 fine complete sets.	10.00
127*	#619 5c Lexingtons, 4 good copies, 1 S.E.	5.00
128*	#622 3 copies, 623, 10 copies fine.	6.20
129*	#628 5c Ericsson 7 mint, 3 used fine.	5.25
129a*	#630 White Plains miniature sheet V.F.	12.50
130*	#643 Vt. 22 copies, 651 Clark, 30, inc. plate box, fine.	5.61
131*	#644 Burgoyne 4 blocks, 4 singles fine.	7.00
132*	#645 Valley Forge 70 copies, mostly block, 3 plate number fine.	8.30
133*	#646, 14 copies, 688, 19 copies fine.	3.30
134*	#649-650 Aeronautics plate box of 8 V.F.	4.55
135*	#649-50 Aeronautics 8 fine sets.	4.00
136*	#654, 657 pl. blk. 20 & 10 singles of each, F.	5.40
137*	#658-688 Kansas set cpl., really fine.	9.57
138*	#669-679 Nebraska set cpl., fine.	10.78
139*	#658-679 Kansas-Nebraska cpl., good.	15.11
140*	#663 5c Kans. 100 copies in box, way off ctr.	40.00
141*	#680 Wayne pl. blk. of 20 and 15 singles, F.	3.65
142*	#681, 2, 3, 30 of each incl. plate box, fine	9.00
143*	#688, 90, 25 of each incl. plate box, fine.	3.75
144*	#702, 45 copies, 703, 60 copies, 5 plates, 1 centerline.	7.35
145*	#704 15 Bicentennials cpl., singles and box, fine.	8.10
146*	#716-719 ten of each commem., fine.	3.50
147*	#724-7 15 of each incl. plate box, fine.	5.15
148*	#740-9 Parks cpl. singles and box, fine.	6.15
149*	#755 Wisconsin Farley centerline and 4 arrow box.	7.00
150*	#816-31 11c to 50c Pres. plate box, FACE	13.08
151*	#832-3 \$1, \$2 Pres. double plate and arrow box, very fine.	27.50
152*	#859-893 Famous Americans cpl. plate box good to fine, worth.	24.+
153*	#869-878 Educators, Scientists cpl. plate, good, worth.	7.00
154*	#884-893 Artists Inventors cpl. good, worth	7.00
155*	#785-94 Army Navy cpl. box and extras, FACE.	2.24
156*	#737-906, 45 commem., plate box, FACE.	6.00
157*	Commems, 120 obsolete stamps, FACE.	4.01
158*	36 early used commems. 326, 373, etc.	10.00
159*	Flags 25 blocks, all slightly discolored.	?

## UNITED STATES

Airmails, Parcel Posts, Depts., Shanghais, etc.

160*	#C1-3 first issue airmails cpl. fine.	10.25
161*	#C1-3 same, good used set.	6.00
162*	#C4-6 2nd issue airmails cpl. fine.	7.75
163*	#C4-6 same in vertical pairs.	15.50
164*	#C5 16c airmails on first flight cover, fine	4.00
165*	#C18 50c Zep. very fine.	3.25
166*	#C18 50c Zep. fine pair.	6.50
167*	#77 airmails, Beacons, Lindys, etc., FACE	10.49
168*	#E2, 3, 5, 6, 7 special deliveries, fine.	9.50
169*	#E7 10c Merry Widow mint and used, fine	3.75
170*	#E10 10c S. D. perf 10 unwmkd. scarce, fine	15.00
171*	25 special deliveries #E12-16 FACE.	3.65
172*	28 S. D. includes 2 each #E1 and 7, good.	13.46
173*	#F1 10c Registry 2 mint thin, 2 used good	4.50
174*	#J1-7, 22-8 dues 1c-50c, the 2 sets cpl., G.	13.11
175*	#J1-28 good lot of 34 old postage dues.	22.00
176*	#K1-16 Shanghai set 2c to \$2 cpl., V.F., rare	42.05
177*	#O12 3c Executive very good.	20.00
178*	#O15 6c Executive very good.	35.00
179*	#O15-24 Dept. Interior 1c to 90c cpl., good	9.90
180*	#O33 30c Justice fine copy.	30.00
181*	#O45 90c Navy fine, few perfs short.	30.00
182*	#O47-56 Post Office Dept. 1c-90c cpl., good	14.95
183*	#O28a, O60, O59 used State Depts., good.	9.00
184*	#O72-82 Treasury Dept. 1c to 90c cpl., good	11.75
185*	#O83-93 War Dept. 1c-90c a few mint, G.	19.85
186*	#O83-93 War set without O87, good.	8.30
187*	Good lot of 55 officials, many high vals.	60.00
188*	#O121-126 Postal Savings Officials cpl., V.F.	8.65
189*	#PR2-4 Big Newspapers fine but closed tear and tiny thin.	16.50
190*	#Q1-2 Parcel Post 1c to \$1 cpl., V.F. set.	41.00
191*	#Q10 50c Parcel Post good block of 4.	45.00
192*	#Q1-11 Parcel Post 1c-\$1 cpl., good set.	8.83
193*	#QE1-4 Special Handlings 6 cpl. sets.	6.36
194*	#JQ1-5 Parcel Post dues cpl., very fine.	4.75
195*	Envelopes 16 cut squares, 90c Perry, Columbians etc.	9.63
196*	#R47a 25c Life Ins. imperf. V.F. pair.	25.00
197*	#R53a 40c Inland imperf. small, nice even margins. Bank stamp cancel. RARE.	100.00
201*	Civil War Revs. good lot of 183 stamps incl. #R79, 94, etc., many high values.	70.27
202*	#R161-72, #RB20-31 Battleships cpl.	4.67
202a*	#R181 \$1000 Doc. superb uncanceled, big margin O.G.	60.00
203*	#RW1 \$1 blue Duck, fine plate single.	7.50
204*	#RW4 \$1 green Duck fine plate # pair.	6.00
205*	#RW5 to 9 1938 to 1942 Ducks fine.	11.75
206*	#RW7 \$1 Sepia 4 good copies.	8.00
207*	#RW7 same 10 used copies 4 S. E.	9.00
208*	Telegraph stamps 24 diff.	8.33
209*	Match & Med., 38 stamps, some damaged.	10.00
210*	Xmas seals 23 diff. #WX1-29 except 9, 12, 14	39.00
211*	#65L1 2c Essex Express fine O.G.	75.00
212*	#73L1 1c Grafflins Despatch good O.G.	75.00

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213*	#73L1 1c Grafflins fine, pen cancel, genuine	100.00
214*	#136L3, LiC Swarts Co. old Rough & Ready fine.	21.00
215*	#62X1, 2, 3 Confed. New Orleans P. O., fine	45.00
216*	Confederate \$1 green Blockade to Europa, good but thin spot, scarce item.	?
217*	Confederate gen'l issues 38 stamps (pairs, box, etc.).	30.00
218*	#Hawaii #30-35, 74-82 cpl. sets fine.	9.10
219*	Hawaii 43 stamps #37-72 mostly fine used	18.00
220*	Guam #5, 8 5c & 10c Surcharge on U.S. fine	5.75
221*	Guam #12 \$1 black fine O.G.	16.50
222*	Guam #E1 10c special del. tied to piece, fine and rare.	12.50
223*	54 diff. U.S. com. box from #651-838, good	9.20
224*	34 damaged U.S. #112, 119 etc.	123.00
225*	Philippines 2 covers with 3 clipper sets etc.	3.75
226*	Canal Zone #1, 3. 1st issue. No gum #1. F.	25.00
227*	C. Z. #13c double surcharge fine.	40.00
228*	C. Z. #13f, 29g, 30c Varieties rare, fine.	17.50
229*	C. Z. #94 50c surcharge on U.S. fine.	15.00

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233*	#145-150, 153, 6, 7 Nine superb blocks....	22.52
234*	#172-182 Pictorials cpl. superb blocks....	77.00
235*	#183-199 1931-7 set cpl. superb blocks....	39.44
236*	#212-225 Gilbert set cpl. superb blocks....	85.20
237*	#233-243 Coronations cpl. V. F. blocks....	18.56
238*	Sanabria #304 \$1 Wyzata air spl. sheet of 20	30.00
239*	#131-144 Pictorials cpl. fine single set....	15.35
240*	#25 5c brown Seal repaired copy.....	25.00
242*	#71 24c Cabot 10 used copies V. F.....	15.00
243*	#117 3c Caribou 1000 used copies.....	30.00
244*	#115-126 Caribou set cpl. V. F.....	14.00
245*	#199 48c Pictorial 10 used copies V. F.....	8.00
246*	Canada #63 \$3 Jubilee very fine O. G.....	40.00





### THE SLY PUSS AND THE CUNNING FOX

Supposing some established figure in philately, and a very good example would be our friend and editor, George W. Linn, happened to drop into your town and made himself known to you. You'd probably feel highly honored, ask him to the house for dinner, have your wife prepare as fine a spread as rationing will allow. After dinner you'd chase the kids off to bed, to spend as much time with this celebrity as he will give you. You'd offer him a cigar, bring out a bottle, probably round up a few of your philatelic friends. Next day the celebrity moves off, with a promise to accept your hospitality soon again. You'd naturally expect some note of thanks from the man, and if it were Mr. Linn you'd get it. But supposing it were someone else—and no note ever came. Nothing came—but silence. You'd feel mighty crestfallen and your regard for the person would vanish into thin air. As a matter of fact, you might be angry enough to remember it a long time, and "get even" with him when your time came.

Run through the current issue of this paper. Column after column is filled with names that are familiar to you, some more so than others. These are the firms who can well afford to advertise and do so to keep their names before the public. Very often they have attractive stamps to sell which they offer and you buy. They want your business and they need your business and because of their fidelity and honesty they deserve your business. That's exactly why they advertise. Not many of them started with two or three or six inch single column ads, or six inch double or triple col-

umn ads, or full pages. They got there because they were on the level. On the level with collectors and fellow dealers and publishers and everyone with whom they came into contact. But for the moment the men and women and firms I want to consider are those whose ads appear on page six and maybe seven.

Page six. I often wonder on how many page sixes of this and other philatelic papers the hopes and the small fortunes of people who were earnest and sincere and truthful have been washed away? Oh yes, page six contains names of well known and established firms. But it also contains the ad of a man or a woman who hopes to gain success and a small share of fortune.

Page six is the host I spoke about in the opening paragraph. Page six offers you a dinner, cigars and wine, via the medium of free stamps or stamps at cost or stamps at their face value in return for buying stamps on approval. To page six, the moment you answer an ad, you become the celebrity. Page six cordially invites you to accept the royal hospitality of page six. You send for the free stamps or the offer and you also receive approvals. Then what do you do? That's what I'm wondering about. What do you do? I don't think you know. You're a busy man or woman. You hold an important job. People say "yes, sir" or "yes ma'am" to you. This is a free country. You have a right to buy where and what you please. No strings attached. But back on page six—

A man or woman becomes physically disabled; impossible to carry on a regular job. Sometimes sickness leaves them too weak to do physical labor. More often the reason they're on page six is because it's a start to page one and a double column ad. Sometimes on page six you'll find hopes and dreams, ambitions to become another Harris or Scott. All of them are right there—on page six. They've taken from the bank or scraped together enough to buy some stock, the offer that attracts you and to buy their way into page six. They sit there waiting for you. To them you're bigger than George Linn or Frank Sinatra or Clark Gable or Lana Turner. You're THE customer they've been waiting for. THE MAN WHO COMES TO DINNER. And so at long last you come, you send for the offer and receive the approvals. Very often you fail to return them no matter what steps are taken; too often it takes a half dozen letters or threats to get you to send them back. More often because the first batch of approvals doesn't contain the half-dozen stamps you have been looking for for two years, you return them and request no more.

That's when the dreams and the hopes and the ambitions and yes, sometimes the lifetime savings of page six come hurtling to the ground with the speed of light. Perhaps you are too advanced for this beginning dealer, in which case you would be justified in requesting no more approvals. It is not with you that I quarrel. I quarrel with the petty chiselers who send for free stamps or some offer with no thought of ever remaining a customer longer than it takes to get what is being given. You're the same petty, sneaking, cry babies that write about the dealer who gypped you out of a dime in change. As much as I condemn cheating or crooked dealers, or call them what you will, I remember page six!

Perhaps the dealer who cheated you today was on page six at one time. Perhaps he sat there and sweated with his hopes and ambitions and dreams, while you cheated him by mail; perhaps because you showed none of the milk of human kindness he had to take a long, tough beating to get where he is. Perhaps you were the man who came to dinner and forgot to send a note of thanks. The novice dealer was willing to break his neck to please you—had you sent that note to page six. But you were too busy; too important. Every advertiser, whether he is on page one or six or any other page deserves your consideration, and before you sit down to write a complaining letter to an editor or a columnist about how you got cheated—remember page six—and ask yourself whether YOU'VE always played the game on the level. Have you returned approvals on time? Have you played fair

### AIR MAIL COVERS

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Following is a continuation of the list started in the issue of last week.

AM-27 Lawrence, Mass. Between Boston and Portland, Maine.

AM-31 \*Savannah, Ga., Between Jacksonville and New York City.

AM-31\*Charleston, S. Car., Between Jacksonville, Fla., and New York City.

AM-31 Wilmington, N. Car., Between Jacksonville and New York City.

AM-31 Norfolk, Vir., Between Jacksonville and New York City.

AM-31 Philadelphia, Penna., Between Jacksonville and New York City.

AM-35 Hot Springs, S. Dak. Between Scottsbluff, Nebr. and Rapid City.

AM-38 Prescott, Ariz. Between Boulder City and Phoenix.

AM-38 Kingman, Ariz., Between Boulder City and Phoenix.

AM-39 Marianna, Fla., Between Tallahassee and Jacksonville.

AM-39 Gulfport, Miss., Between New Orleans, La., and Mobile, Ala.

AM-40 Huntsville, Ala., Between Memphis, Tenn., and Birmingham, Ala.

AM-40 Albany, Ga., Between Tallahassee, Fla., and Atlanta, Ga.

AM-47 Charleston, W. Vir., Between Washington and Louisville, Ky.

AM-47 Lexington, Ky.-Frankford, Ky., Between Washington and Louisville.

AM-48 Mason City, Iowa, Between Rochester, Minn., and Des Moines.

AM-48 Quincy, Ill., Between St. Louis, Mo., and Des Moines, Iowa.

AM-51 Elizabeth City, N. Car., Between Norfolk, Vir., and Rocky Mount.

AM-53 Pine Bluff, Ark., Between Little Rock and Shreveport, La.

AM-53 Memphis, Tenn. New Extension.

Paducah, Ky. Evansville, Ind. Indianapolis, Ind.

Anderson, Ind., Muncie, Ind., New Castle Ind., Marion, Ind., all four cities served through one airport.

Fort Wayne, Ind. Toledo, Ohio. Detroit, Mich.

AM-54 Lexington, Ky.-Frankfort, Ky., Between Cincinnati, O., and Knoxville, Tenn.

Am 55 Wheeling, W. Vir., Between Pittsburgh, Pa., and Charleston.

AM-60 Salina, Kans., Between Topeka and Denver, Colo.

AM-60 Hutchinson, Kan., Between Denver and Salina.

AM-61 \*Morgantown, W. Vir., Between Columbus (O.) and Washington.

AM-61 Wheeling, W. Vir., Between Columbus, O., and Washington.

AM-64 \*Houston, Tex. New Route.

\*Austin, Tex. \*San Angelo, Tex. \*Abilene, Tex. \*Lubbock, Tex. \*Amarillo, Tex.

AM-65 Boston, Mass. New Route.

Fall River, Mass. (New Bedford, Mass.) Worcester, Mass. Waterbury, Conn. New York City, N. Y. Newark, N. J.

with your dealer by mail?

The entries in the contest speak at great length about the "friendships" made through philately. At the moment I think all of that is a line of chatter. I'd like to see a little more consideration on the part of collectors for those who are struggling to get on their feet. Otherwise those sly pussies, who cheat page six, may some day find six grown to be the cunning fox that fleeces them—as well they deserve to be fleeced.

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Cleveland, Ohio.  
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Williamsport, Penna.  
Pittsburgh, Penna.  
%AM-68 Los Angeles, Calif.  
Las Vegas, Nev.  
Grand Junction, Colo.  
Denver, Colo.

### Tenth Anniversary Of Radio Program

On November 12, 1944 from 6:15 to 6:30 P. M., program number 520 in the series known as the STAMP CLUB OF THE AIR was broadcast over Station WIL, 1230 ky., St. Louis, Missouri. This weekly program is the oldest radio program still on the air devoted to stamps and stamp collecting.

The November 12 program was conducted by Mr. J. Edward Vining and had as a guest speaker Mr. John D. Pope III. The program was founded by Mr. Vining in September 1934 and has been presented weekly ever since. The only programs omitted have been due to cancellations for special Christmas or other holiday programs. In September 1941 the program was taken over by the Radio Committee of the Mound City Stamp Club and has been conducted by the Club ever since.

The 520th program presented a birds-eye-view of ten years of philatelic news and special programs as broadcast by the STAMP CLUB OF THE AIR. Mr. Vining summarized events during the early years and Mr. Pope, who has been a member of the group presenting the program since September 1939 and who was Chairman of the Radio Committee until last month, gave the high lights of the more recent programs.

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## Four Sheets Found In Denmark Flag Stamp Printings

By James C. Heartwell  
Linn's Weekly has done it again!

A subscriber to Linn's has supplied the missing link in a chain of evidence that indicates the Flag stamps of Denmark were printed from four different plates. In an article in the September 14th issue the writer, having identified Denmark sheets printed from three different plates, asked Linn's readers—because of the enormous amount of interest shown by them in the twelve flag stamps— if anyone had additional findings concerning the Denmark issue.

Carrington C. Bacon of Memphis Tenn., a Linn's Weekly subscriber, saw the article and became intrigued, for he had in his collection a pane of ten stamps from the top of the sheet and the second stamp in the top row had the error "POSTAEE" instead of in the engraved part of the stamp. Mr. Bacon had previously sent this variety to New York dealer in an effort to obtain a duplicate so as to

verify his copy. The reply from the dealer was to the effect that "we do not list this kind," although no listing was asked for and so far no duplicate copy has been forthcoming.

In our above mentioned September article, mention was made concerning three different sheets which we referred to as "A", "B" and "C", and the flaws which we believed to be constant were listed for each sheet. The puzzle suggested three possible solutions: (1) One plate may have been removed for some reason, being replaced by a third plate; (2) Only two plates may have been used, one having been cleaned and, after being put into use again, it showed different markings; and (3) Four plates may have been used with only three of them having come to my attention.

You readers may wonder what connection there is between the variety "POSTAEE" and our claim that the Denmark stamp was issued from four different plates. We believe that the error "POSTAEE" was discovered by officials and as a result the plate had to be removed, but since the removal of the either the left or the right plate alone was impossible without the removal of the other, both plates had to be discarded.

The result was that two new plates were put into use. The fact that several sheets of what we describe as "A", "B" and "C" are in our possession and part of the fourth or "D" sheet is held by Mr. Bacon—and has been thoroughly inspected by us—leads us to assume that the two original plates were both replaced.

Our description in the September article clearly identified three of these sheets. Now we can partly identify the fourth

sheet because Mr. Bacon was so kind as to forward the top ten stamps for our inspection. The word "POSTAEE" is caused by the letter "G" being imperfect. The letter is remarkably clear and it is not necessary for one to use a magnifying glass or his imagination to see the variety.

The final link in our chain of evidence is the fact that the top ten stamps—five in each of the first two horizontal rows—do not correspond in anyway to the top ten of the other three sheets. Not one of the stamps in sheet "D" has any of the flaws found in sheets "A", "B" or "C" and not one of the flaws found in sheet "D" is to be found in "A", "B" or "C". For the benefit of those who may be interested in checking for sheet "D", the minute flaws are listed with the warning that since only one sheet in part has been examined these cannot be definitely classed as constant flaws at this time. However, the presence of several of them should indicate with reasonable certainty that the sheet is from plate "D".

Don't overlook the fact that only sheet "D" may have been withheld from distribution when the defective "G" was discovered and that the other three sheets may exist in large quantities. For, if the variety was not discovered early in the printing it is quite possible that the sheets printed from the plate adjoining sheet "D" were perfectly normal and therefore issued along with the two additional sheets. That some of the "D" sheets slipped out before the defective "G" was discovered is proved by the fact that Mr. Bacon has one. The question now arises. "Are there any others?" This should send all collectors to their Denmark Flag stamps to search for the "POSTAEE" variety.

The American Bank Note Co. may never divulge what actually took place in the Denmark printing, but until some better theory comes along we'll stick to the one that four plates were actually used and that the defective "G" in "POSTAGE" was the cause of the two additional plates. You will probably have to use a magnifying glass on some of these minute markings, but we believe

you'll find most of them:

- Sheet "D" (Pos. #1-10)**
1. black dot at left of flagpole near top; also, black dot in lower right red field in gap between vertical black shading lines.
  2. "POSTAEE" in engraved part of stamp.
  3. red dot on top of flag at right of white cross bar.
  6. in lower vertical bar of white cross red dot just above black shading.
  7. black dot at left of "D" of Denmark.
  8. in left bar of white cross, black dot to the left of shading lines.
  9. in lower left red field, black dash between the lower row of black shading and the next higher rows above and to the left.
  10. in upper left red field, very heavy black dot in left vertical line of black shading.
- Also, the vertical black shading lines which extend from the top left red field and curve through the middle of the white cross down into the lower left red field are broken in the white cross in positions #2, 5, 8 and 10.

### BOLIVIAN EXCHANGE

In the July 13th issue of this paper we printed a list of foreign currency values available from information supplied by a large bank, at that time. We are in receipt of a letter from The Bolivian Stamp Co., of LaPaz, Bolivia wherein they ask us to correct the statement that Bs. 100 of Bolivia is worth approximately \$0.0238 and not \$0.02 as stated at that time.

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**ABYSSINIA-Air Mails.** Two airmail stamps, printed by the Italians, have been reported, for soldiers' use. They were prepared for letters destined for Italy (red letters) and for use in East Africa (green letters).  
—N. Y. Sun

**BRAZIL-Commemorative.** For the "Week of the Wing" a 1Cr. 20, rose-lake, commemorative has been released in Brazil, according to Dr. Mario de Sanctis. The design is a partial reproduction of a painting in the San Paulo museum by the celebrated Brazilian painter Bernardino de Souza Pereira. In the foreground is seen the figure of Father Bartholemeu de Gusmao with his "aerostat" at the time of realizing his first experiment August 8, 1709. In the rear of the picture are King D. Joao V and the Queen Da Maria Anna de Asburgo. The first day of issue was October 23 and 20,000,000 copies were printed.

**COLOMBIA-A 1c, green type** A175, has been released, poorly perforated and poorly printed by Lithographia Nacional in Bogota.

**FINLAND-A 3½m., black,** has been released to honor former President P. E. Svinhufvud, who died February 29 at the age of 82.

**FRANCE-A stamp of a new** design, bearing the head of Marianne and the Cross of Lorraine, has reached this country. It is believed to be the first of a set of several values and was designed by Dulac and printed by De La Rue in London. This first stamp issued in liberated France of the new design is a 1.50 rose.

**FRANCE-Postage.** A large 20 Fr. green pictorial issued recently pictures snow capped mountains and a few cows. Stamp is inscribed "Le Lac Lerie La Meive".

**FRANCE-According to Lt. Van** Voorhis, all Petain stamps were withdrawn from sale on 10/31/44.

**NEW ZEALAND-Semi-Postals.** The 1945 Health Stamps, which were issued on October 9th, are the usual two denominations, 1d. plus ½d., green and 2d. plus 1d. blue, and again feature their Royal Highnesses, Princess Elizabeth and Princess Marga-

ret Rose, whose joint portraits appear on both stamps. Princess Elizabeth is depicted in the uniform of the Sea Rangers and Princess Margaret Rose in that of the Girl Guides and a noticeable feature of the design is the absence of background or shading behind the portraits. The stamps were printed in England by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd. A special official envelope was used for 1st day covers.

**SWEDEN - Commemoratives.** There are five values to the "Swedish Fleet" set, and not the one alone reported last week. The stamps mark Swedish naval history from the battle of Femen in 1644 to the present day, and the values, colors and designs briefly are: 10 ore, violet, old three-masted Smalands Lejon; 20 ore, red, Klas Fleming, builder of Wrangel's fleet; 30 ore, blue, Kung Karl (flagship of the Swedish fleet of 1654-1718); 40 ore, olive, stern of Gustaf III's ship Amphion, and 90 ore, gray, the modern warship Gustaf V.

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P. M.  
in plain gothic capitals. No information is at hand as to the meaning of this surcharge but we could hazard the guess that it might be stamps for POSTES MILITAIRES or Military Postage, signifying postage under the Military Government.

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If you missed our large ad in last weeks issue of this magazine, read the following description carefully and send your order today for these specially made up holiday lots. Remember, all lots packed in holiday wrappings and mailed same day of receipt.

### UNITED STATES SPECIAL LOT!

Consists of U. S. Mixture of 600 stamps guaranteed to contain at least three (3) Different complete sets including all top values. (Aeronautics, Flags, Latest Airmails, etc.) Each set is in clean, collectible condition with no damaged copies. Mixture has a wide representation of U. S. Issues and contains many dozen large collectible commemoratives! All stamps in this fine collection are clean off paper. Price per Guaranteed lot is

**\$2.50 each postpaid**

### FOREIGN ACCUMULATION LOT!

Each lot is different and is not a variety packet made on the assembly line. These lots are made up from broken dealer's stock which we have purchased. Therefore you are assured of quality as well as quantity! All better grade, clean material. Buy several of these guaranteed lots

**at \$2.50 each postpaid**

We repeat, your money back in full plus postage cost to you if not as represented! Act now. Christmas won't wait! It will pay you to purchase an extra lot or two for your own personal use. Same fine quality and service! For the most pleasant holiday season in many a year, send your order today, reward yourself for a year's work well done, a year closer to Victory!

### HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM - -

# MINER STAMP CO. Dept. 4

327 South River Street Wilkes-Barre, Penna.



# CHRISTMAS SPECIALS!

Do you want to play Santa Claus to others? Do you want to brighten your own heart and album? Consider the following offers and send your order today. Only eighteen days until Christmas! Orders, with greeting enclosed, mailed as gifts to any address. If out of stock, money refunded immediately. Don't wait! Order now! Send payment by check, cash, money order, unused postage, war stamps as suits your convenience. (Postage extra if C. O. D.)

## No Christmas Offer Would Be Complete Without OUR FAMOUS U. S. MIXTURE

Now is your chance to get one of the most outstanding stamp bargains ever offered! Our U. S. Mixture is guaranteed to contain the \$2.00 and \$5.00 stamps pictured below. You will find them along with over 800 U. S. commemoratives, coils, blocks, and singles of low and high value! Furthermore the \$2.00 and \$5.00 stamps are guaranteed not to be heavily canceled, initialed, straight-edged, or otherwise damaged!

### SOMETHING NEW!

Into each mixture we put a packet that contains at least 184 DIFFERENT U. S. STAMPS—this packet is not junk! It will catalog at least \$5.00, yes, FIVE DOLLARS! Just think, this packet COMES IN ADDITION to the other outstanding things you get. This packet contains at least 70 U. S. commemoratives! EVERY STAMP IN THIS PACKET IS A GOOD CLEAN COLLECTABLE U. S. STAMP! If you only got this packet it would be a bargain—but read about the things you will find in this mixture.



### A Free Gift That Will Astound You!

To every collector ordering our mixture we will send a philatelic gift that will prove the most outstanding item in your collection. You will show it to every collector friend you have. You will GIVE A WHOLE PAGE OF YOUR ALBUM TO IT! "It will become your most prized item." This gift will fit into any collection, regardless of how large it is. NO MATTER IF YOUR COLLECTION IS WORTH \$10,000.00 YOU WILL NEVER TIRE OF SHOWING THIS PRIZE TO YOUR COLLECTOR FRIENDS. If the gift alone is not worth the price of this mixture you may return them both for a full cash refund.

This U. S. mixture is unconditionally guaranteed to be the best you have ever bought! It must please you in every regard. Order your mixture and examine it fully in your home for 10 days; if you are not completely satisfied, return it for a full refund!! This guarantee assures you unlimited protection.

### THESE BEAUTIFUL FOREIGN SETS YOU'LL BE TEMPTED TO KEEP FOR YOURSELF!

We have carefully selected the following sets for their beauty and gift appeal. You'll be proud to give them—or happy to add them to your own collection!

#### SOUTHERN RHODESIA

These beautiful stamps honor the 50th anniversary of the founding of Southern Rhodesia by Cecil Rhodes who is pictured on the 1½d stamp. They show a most interesting panorama of the country's history.

Southern Rhodesia complete #56-63 **\$1.70**

#### ABYSSINIA

Abyssinia was the first country to regain its freedom from the dictator countries. These stamps will add interest to your collection as no other stamps can. This set not only contains the \$1 to \$10 stamps, but the special price for the lot is an exceptional one.

Abyssinia complete (15) **\$1.00**

#### FINLAND

Beautiful stamps issued for the benefit of the Red Cross. The 3.50 stamp shows the Finnish flag. Four values complete.

B44-B47 complete **\$.60**

#### 184 ALL DIFFERENT U. S.

A collection in itself. The catalog price of these stamps exceed \$8. If you need a foundation for U. S. stamps for yourself or to give to a starter you could do no better. There are at least 75 commemorative stamps in the lot and each of the 184 are different.

PRICE 50c

#### U. S. MINIATURE SHEETS

730 - 1c Chicago mint (25)..... \$.90  
731 - 3c Chicago mint (25)..... 1.65  
751 - 1c Park mint (6)..... .30  
797 - 10c Park mint (1)..... .20

\$3.05

ALL FOR \$2.75

#### U. S. FAMOUS AMERICANS

This issue is one of the most popular of all the U. S. stamps. If you do not have the entire issue of 35 stamps by all means get them now. #857 to 893 complete in very fine used condition at the very low price.

ONLY 95c

#### CORONATIONS

45 Coronation stamps one each from every Crown Colony Complete! Because of a very fortunate purchase we are able to offer this complete set of the lowest value of the Coronations at LESS THAN FACE VALUE! Remember, these stamps are all unused, fine and clean, and at a price that cannot be duplicated.

ONLY \$1.75

#### ITALY AGEAN ISLANDS

#3-11 nine values complete

Special only  
**\$.90**

#### EGYPT

This issue represents the international Treaty signed in Switzerland. They are among the most beautiful stamps ever issued by Egypt.

Egypt #217 to 219 complete

**\$.60**

#### ITALY AGEAN ISLANDS

C4-7 four values complete

Special only  
**\$1.00**

#### LIBERIA

Liberia, you will remember, was formed so that the slaves from the United States could have a home. These freed men set up their government as near as possible like ours. Liberia is a tribute to the greatness of the U. S.

Liberia Officials complete 1c to \$5 (14)

**\$.65**

#### BRAZIL

Brazil was discovered over 400 years ago, as all stamp collectors know and these stamps commemorate the 400 years. The 100r shows Cabral arriving at Brazil. The 200r shows the Independence being proclaimed. The 500r shows the Emancipation of the Slaves - giving dates. The 700r is an Allegorical figure of The Republic of Brazil (similar to our Statue of Liberty).

Brazil #162-165 complete  
**\$1.75**

#### NETHERLANDS B94-97

1936 Summer Help Issue.

Four values complete.

**\$1.00**

#### NETHERLANDS B118-22

1939 Child Welfare stamps. Small, but very colorful and attractive. All picture child carrying cornucopia. Five values complete.

**\$.90**

## A WONDERFUL GIFT!

**FOREIGN MIXTURE** packed attractively in large, white, window envelope. This lot contains at least 1,500 stamps, some old, some new, pictorials, subject stamps, and each one collectable. We **positively guarantee** at least 750 different stamps in each packet, and we **fully guarantee** each lot to have a Scott Catalog price exceeding \$40.00. This lot will **most especially** please a beginner but **old-timers** find it fills many, many vacant places in their albums too! Remember this mixture is fully guaranteed to please or money back without question. If it fails to please you, don't even take time to tell us why—just send it back and payment will be fully refunded.

**\$4<sup>25</sup>**

## THE PERFECT GIFT

**Used Flags, Blocks of Four**

In **SUPER-SUPERB** used condition. Each block is perfect. The stamps came from the philatelic agency and the mail was controlled. This material will please the most critical, and is well worth our price.

12 BLOCKS COMPLETE

**\$3<sup>25</sup>**

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